

House Resolution No. 3645

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives recognize the significance of the institution of marriage as a vital foundation of American society and wholeheartedly believe that a successful union can be achieved only through a loving relationship of mutual honor, respect, and trust; and

Whereas, a period of five wondrous decades has passed since Doil Hickinbotham lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Fern Forrest, during a solemn ceremony officiated by the Reverend Clarence Dodson on July 31, 1958, in Alton, Missouri; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Doil and Fern Hickinbotham have had the pleasure of watching their family grow to include three children and their spouses, Teresa and Joe Garrison of Myrtle, Paul and Sheila Hickinbotham of Salem, Arkansas, and Steve Hickinbotham of Jonesboro, Arkansas; four grandchildren and their spouses, Justin Garrison, Kristin and Lucas Parker, Cassi and Joey Burk, and Aminta Garrison; and one great-grandson, Ryan Parker; and

Whereas, Doil Hickinbotham has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes managing Wallace and Owens, owning and operating Big H Foods, and working at Cover Lumber Company, from which he retired in 2003; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Fern Hickinbotham further distinguished herself by being a cosmetologist who owned and operated her own shop for nineteen years; and

Whereas, during their half century together, Doil and Fern Hickinbotham have cherished each other every day in sickness and in health with the love so deep in their hearts; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Hickinbotham of Thayer will commemorate the resplendent occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a special celebration on August 2, 2008, in the Fellowship Hall at Thayer Free Will Baptist Church:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Doil and Fern Hickinbotham and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Doil Hickinbotham.

Offered by _____
Representative Mike Dethrow
District No. 153

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 3645, adopted July 21, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker